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A B S T R A C T

To implement the reforms, online admission procedure for B.Ed. is being implemented in all state universities in Gujarat. Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University also applied centralized online admission process for all 76 affiliated B.Ed. colleges for the academic year 2011-2012. In this context the present topic was selected for exploration.

Introduction

In the last decade India has seen a revolution in knowledge and information sectors. The UGC (University Grants Commission) in its 11th Plan proposal and strategies has taken a number of new initiatives which involve reforms in higher education. These include major emphasis on academic and administrative reforms in the central and state universities. A major reform suggested by UGC is in admission procedure. Admissions ought to have objective bases and transparent procedures. In this context the present topic was selected for exploration.

Statement of the problem

"A Study of the views of B.Ed. Trainees about the Online Admission process adopted by Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University".

Objectives of the study

The study was undertaken keeping in mind the following objectives. 1. To know the views of trainees about the admission form filling process. 2. To know the views of trainees about the mock round. 3. To know the views of trainees about function of help center. 4. To know the views of trainees about expenses for entire process. 5. To know the views of trainees about scheduled time to complete admission process. 6. To know the views of trainees about transparency in admission process. 7. To know the views of trainees about communications.

Questions

The researcher tried to find out the answers of following questions for the present study.

1. What should be the views of trainees about the admission form filling process?
2. What should be the views of trainees about the relevance of mock rounds?
3. What should be the views of trainees about function of help center?
4. What should be the views of trainees about expenses for entire process?

5. What should be the views of trainees about scheduled time to complete admission process?
6. What should be the views of trainees about transparency in admission process?
7. What should be the views of trainees about communications?

Population and Sampling

This is a survey kind of research. Population for this research is trainees from all 76 B.Ed. colleges affiliated with HNGU for the academic year 2011-12. The researcher used the purposive sampling technique to decide the sample for this study. There were 45 trainees from B.Ed. colleges of Patan district as a sample for this study.

Tool

Self-made opinionnaire was used as a tool for the study. The opinionnaire consisted of 20 statements related to the online admission process. These statements were divided into 7 major heads as described below.

* Form filling process * Mock round* Help center* Expenses for entire process * Scheduled time to complete admission process * Transparency in admission process * Communications There were open ended questions to collect descriptive information regarding pros and cons of online admission and total expense. The tool was used for data collection in the month of December 2011.

Method of data analysis

The data collected through the filled in opinionnaires was tabulated, analyzed and converted into percentage. Microsoft excel computer software was used for data analysis. Summarized data is shown in Table-1.

See Table 1

From Table - 1 it is observed that the strength of online admission is transparency, communication, time and form filling process. Mock rounds, help centers, expenses are the areas which should be strengthened.

Table 1 Summarized Data

Sr.	Aspects of online admission	Number of statements	Opinion in favor of aspect	
			Average	Percentage
1	Form filling process	3	27.33	60.73
2	Mock round	3	18.00	40.00
3	Help center	4	20.25	45.00
4	Expenses for entire process	4	20.25	45.00
5	Scheduled time to complete admission process	2	28.50	63.33
6	Transparency in admission process	1	36	80.00
7	Communications	3	31	68.89
	Total	20		

Findings

The major findings of this study are as follows,

1. Form filling process :

- a. 75.56% of the trainees were of the opinion that online process of form filling is easy.
- b. 62.22% of them were also of the opinion that because of online form filling process through website, candidates could easily correct any mistakes.

2. Mock round :

- a. 77.78% of the trainees agreed that numbers of mock round were more than required.
- b. 64.44% expressed their view that because of inadequate information about mock round, candidates could not take part in actual final admission round.

3. Help center :

- a. 55.56% of the trainees were of the opinion that help centers were not made aware about entire admission process by central admission committee.

4. Expenses for entire process :

- a. 80% of the trainees agreed that transportation cost borne by the candidate for online admission was too

much.

- b. 66.67% trainees agreed that candidates had to spend more money on other expenses than admission fees.
- c. Only 48.89% expressed their opinion that professional centers like cybercafés charged huge amount for services offered by them.

5. Scheduled time to complete admission process :

- a. 84.44% of the trainees were of the opinion that admission process was delayed because of technical fault.

6. Transparency in admission process :

- a. 80 % of the trainees were of the opinion that entire admission process was transparent.

7. Communication :

- a. 82.22% of the trainees were of the opinion that communication about mock round and final admission done through SMS was effective.

- b. 75.56% of the trainees were agreed that admission related information and notices posted on website were easy to understand.

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